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# COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

## AVIATION COMMISSION

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### LOS ANGELES COUNTY AVIATION COMMISSION

**November 28, 2018, meeting  
San Gabriel Valley Airport  
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## COMMISSIONERS

**CLINTON SIMMONS**  
CHAIRMAN

**DENNIS C. LORD**  
VICE-CHAIRMAN

**PETER M. AMUNDSON**  
SECRETARY

**CURT CASTAGNA**  
MEMBER

**PENELOPE CORNWALL**  
MEMBER

**HARVEY HOLLOWAY**  
MEMBER

**JEFF MORT**  
MEMBER

**CHRISTINA PASCUCCI**  
MEMBER

**GABRIEL PEREZ**  
MEMBER

**VACANT**  
MEMBER

### IN ATTENDANCE

Chairman Clinton Simmons  
Vice-Chairman Dennis Lord  
Secretary Peter Amundson  
Commissioner Curt Castagna  
Commissioner Harvey A. Holloway  
Commissioner Jeff Mort  
Commissioner Christina Pascucci

### OFFICIALLY EXCUSED

Commissioner Penelope Cornwall  
Commissioner Gabriel Perez

### COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES - DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS STAFF

Mr. Richard Smith, Aviation Division Chief  
Mrs. Claudia Delgado, Staff Assistant

### AMERICAN AIRPORTS CORPORATION - AIRPORT SERVICES STAFF

Mr. Scott Wardle, Regional Director  
Mr. Pete Lonctaux, Brackett Field Airport  
Mr. Carlos Diaz, Manager, Compton/Woodley Airport  
Mr. Steve Irving, Manager, General William J. Fox Airfield  
Mr. Enrique Curioso, Manager, San Gabriel Valley Airport

### GUESTS

Mr. Bruce Busch, San Gabriel Valley Airport  
Mr. Jeff Strouse, Aerial Art Photo, Aerial Sim Training  
Mr. David Singer, Mission Flight  
Mr. Robert Head, San Gabriel Valley Airport Tenant  
Mr. Winn Williams, Port Hangar Association

## **CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Simmons called the meeting to order at 10 a.m.

### **I. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Chairman Simmons led the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### **A. Minutes**

The minutes for the October 31, 2018, meeting were unanimously approved on a motion from Vice-Chairman Lord, seconded by Commissioner Castagna.

#### **B. American Airports Corporation - Contract Manager Report**

##### **Mr. Wardle Reported on Whiteman Airport Items**

The PAPI lights are out of service; repairs will be made once the ordered parts arrive.

Mr. Wardle informed the Commission that American Airports Corporation received a letter from Mr. Peter Hartmann and are in the process of sending him a response.

Mr. Wardle informed the Commission that there are six new rental agreements for hangars and a tie-down at the airport.

Aircraft operations on the airport were down 13.1 percent as compared to the same month last year.

Avgas fuel sales were down 21 percent, and Jet-A fuel sales were up 7.3 percent as compared to the same month last year.

Electricity consumption was down 2 percent and water consumption was up 149 percent as compared to the same month last year.

##### **Mr. Pete Lonctaux Reported on Brackett Field Airport Items**

American Airports Corporation is in the process of replacing the broken window on the tractor.

Upgrades to the Instrument Landing System and the remodeling of the interior of one of the Sheriff's buildings on the airport are in progress.

The Brackett Airmen Association hold their monthly meeting on the first Thursday of every month and will host their annual holiday party on December 9, 2018 in the terminal building. Display Day is on the third Sunday of every month.

Mr. Wardle informed the Commission that a contractor will soon commence on the repairs to the hangars that were damaged by the fire.

Mr. Wardle informed the Commission that American Airports Corporation sent a letter to the Port Hangar Association which discussed a timeline for the removal of the hangars.

Mr. Lonctaux informed the Commission that Gilead Sciences brought their Falcon 2000 to the airport on November 30, 2018 and anticipates that future visits which will generate avgas fuel revenue for the airport.

Eighty-five percent of the hangars on the airport are occupied, and 19 percent of the occupied hangars are used for non-aviation storage.

Aircraft operations on the airport were down 9.3 percent as compared to the same month last year.

Avgas fuel sales were down 17.4 percent, and Jet-A fuel sales were down 5.9 percent as compared to the same month last year.

Electricity consumption was down .03 percent as compared to the same month last year and water consumption was not available this month.

#### **Mr. Steve Irving Reported on General William J. Fox Airfield Items**

The Runway Pavement Reconstruction Project is postponed until November 2019.

The airport entrance sign had a few improvements; the sign was repainted, and a solar powered lighting system was added for enhanced visibility at night.

There was an electrical problem that caused the east gate to malfunction. Electrical repairs are complete, and the east gate is now functioning. A second electrical problem occurred to some of the underground conduit; repairs are in progress.

Mr. Irving informed the Commission that the airport provided a total of 80,000 gallons of fuel to aircraft used to fight the Woolsey Fire.

The Fox Airport Association will host their annual Christmas Party on December 15, 2018.

Ninety-four percent of the hangars on the airport are occupied, and none of the hangars are utilized for non-aviation storage.

Aircraft operations on the airport were down 2 percent as compared to the same month last year.

Avgas fuel sales were up 12 percent, and Jet-A fuel sales were down 63 percent as compared to the same month last year.

Gas consumption for the airport was down 12 percent as compared to the same month last year.

### **Mr. Carlos Diaz Reported on Compton/Woodley Airport Items**

Various obstruction and hangar lights were repaired, and roof repairs to the Experimental Aircraft Association hangar will take place on November 30, 2018.

Mr. Diaz shared with the Commission a photo of a new sign that was added to the airport entry gates.

The annual Compton/Woodley Airport toy drive and holiday celebration will take place on December 14, 2018.

On December 9, 2018, the California Black Aviation Association will host their annual Holiday dinner at the Proud Bird.

Ninety-nine percent of the hangars on the airport are occupied, and 35 percent of the occupied hangars are used for non-aviation storage.

Avgas fuel sales were down 2.1 percent as compared to the same month last year.

Electricity consumption was down 16.3 percent and water consumption was down 27.1 percent as compared to the same month last year.

### **Mr. Enrique Curioso Reported on San Gabriel Valley Airport Items**

Hangar inspections took place in the month of November and will continue through the month of December 2018.

The north and south fuel dispensers were repaired and are now in service.

The San Gabriel Valley Airport Association Holiday celebration will be held on December 15, 2018 at Annia's Kitchen.

The San Gabriel Valley Remote Control Association meets every fourth Thursday of the month and the Civil Air Patrol meets every Thursday at 7 p.m.

The San Gabriel Valley Airport Association meets every third Wednesday of the month at 7 p.m. and the San Gabriel Valley Airport Vintage Airplane/Auto Display and Aircraft Swap Meet is held every fourth Sunday of the month.

Ninety-seven percent of the hangars on the airport are occupied, and 27 percent of the occupied hangars are used for non-aviation storage.

Aircraft operations on the airport were up 3 percent as compared to the same month last year.

Avgas fuel sales were down 5 percent, and Jet-A fuel sales were down 5 percent as compared to the same month last year.

Electricity consumption was up 0.1 percent and water consumption was down 14 percent as compared to the same month last year.

**C. County Aviation Division Report – Mr. Richard Smith Reported on the following Items:**

Mr. Smith provided the Commission with copies of the October 2018 Expense and Revenue Report and provided an explanation of revenue received from the State.

Mr. Smith introduced Ms. Elena Romero as the new administrative professional for the Aviation Division. He also informed the Commission that the Aviation Division received the Envision Bronze Award for Sustainability from the Institute of Sustainable Infrastructure for the General William J. Fox Airfield Runway Reconstruction Project.

A Request for Interest for the FBO services on the north side of Brackett Field Airport was recently issued. AAC circulated the RFI throughout the region. Responses will be received through December 15, 2018.

The County recently settled the complaint from the contractor involved in the Taxiway Exit Project at General William J. Fox Airfield. The contractor will receive the full amount of the original contract plus \$225,000.

Mr. Smith informed the Commission of the passing of Mr. Todd McNamee, the Director of Airports for Ventura County, and informed that a Celebration of Life would be held on December 1, 2018 at Camarillo Airport.

The Federal Department of Transportation inspector general will be conducting an audit of the Federal Contract Tower Program. The audit will include airport traffic control tower operations at Whiteman Airport.

Mr. Smith provided a summary of capital projects taking place at all five County owned airports and a fact sheet with capital project information.

**D. Election of Commission Officers for 2019**

Chairman Simmons announced the nominations for Commission Officers for 2019 as follows: Dennis Lord, as Chairman; Peter Amundson, as Vice Chairman; and Harvey Holloway, as Secretary. Vice Chairman Lord moved to accept the nominations, and Commissioner Castagna seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

**E. Approval of 2019 Meeting Calendar**

Chairman Simmons presented the 2019 Commission Meeting Calendar. Vice Chairman Lord moved to accept the calendar, and Commissioner Holloway seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

**F. San Gabriel Valley Airport Items**

Mr. Smith shared with the Commission that he is pleased with the completion of the Apron Pavement Rehabilitation Project – Phase II at the San Gabriel Valley Airport.

## **II. PUBLIC COMMENT – OPEN FORUM**

Mr. Robert Head asked the Commission for clarification between the required insurance for non-aviation and aviation use of aircraft storage hangars. Mr. Wardle will review the language in the hangar use agreement for clarification.

Mr. David Singer, Mission Flight member, provided the Commission with a summary of the volunteer work that Mission Flight has provided. Mr. Singer also thanked the Commission and Mr. Curioso for support they continue to receive from the airport.

Mr. Winn Williams, Port Hangar Association, informed the Commission that he was able to speak at a Board of Supervisors meeting he attended and expressed his thoughts regarding his situation at the airport.

Mr. Gilbert Viramontes, San Gabriel Valley Airport Association, informed the Commission of the successful Open House that was held at the airport and invited the Commission to attend the annual holiday celebration that will be held on December 15, 2018.

Mr. Jeff Strouse, Aerial Art Photography, shared with the Commission a concern that he has regarding ponding water in the area close to his business on the south end of the airport.

## **III. NEXT COMMISSION MEETING WILL BE ON:**

**Wednesday, January 23, 2019, at 10 a.m.  
at Brackett Field Airport  
1615 McKinley Avenue  
La Verne, CA 91750-5846**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:07 a.m. in memory of Frank Eldridge Owens and Curtis Hedlund.

Respectfully submitted,

Peter Amundson, Secretary  
Los Angeles County Aviation Commission

RS:cd